GOWNS FOR XMAS DINNERS!

Worn by American Women at the Hospitable Table of Madame Faure.

GORGEOUS WRAPS IN FINE MATERIALS

Satin is a Favorite Because it Reflects the Light and Sparkles Brittlantly, Gowns are Studded With Jowels and Luces are Traced in Gems.

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I noticed and others noticed, that one of these are the preparations that are made every week for teams visiting in Parls, Mime. Pauro i bring out the family plate of heaview, and order a new dinner gladydrs. Henry Clews, white "any old "wends he wood enough for Olda of "wends he wood enough for Olda of

NO STAG DINNERS.

dge of satin next them without suffer-og by the experiment.

There was one gracious young matron in the Opera-House the other evening chose gown was faultless enough to defy and edges of satin. She came in with a

perty that Mme. Faure had entertained at dinner.

Her gown was a perfectly plain princesse of black satin that clung in heavy folus to her figure. The gores at the back fell in a full demi-train. There were no sleeves to this gown, it was cut straight across from arm to arm, and straps that becross from arm to arm, and straps that becross from arm to arm, and straps that betterfles or white tuile, with wings covered with strass, were fastened at the top of the shoulder straps.

A girdle of white slik passementerie, covered with strass, went around the waist and was tied locally at the left side. The ends of the girdle that reached nearly to the bottom of the gown were finished with tassels that were strung with strass.

A JEWEL GOWN.

Another stunning dinner gown worn by member of that party was of pale was a gode, with demi-train, and the front of it was tim-

bottom of the bodice to form short

bottom of the bodice to form short basques.

The berthe was of the tuile, draped and puffed in the most artistic way. When it reached the top of the high puffed sleeves it was plaited to stand straight up. Broad fulls of the tuile gave a unish to the bottom of the sleeves.

It cannot be supposed that any common cloak is worn over these levely Christmas creations, and I shall be believed when I say that the cloak is a matter for as earnest anxious thought as the dress. Ofter the guest, hooded and cloaked, comes in to say her goodby to the hestess. And very likely upon the front steps you see, making delightful adieux to each other, the same beautiful matrons pauming to get the air and to be—shall I say observed?—by others. Rather put it that they are charitably inclined and willing to give the hard old world a glimpse of so much beauty.

One wrap which passed me upon Madane Faure's steps was of wine-colored blied with wine-andiwater satin. The underglow was very delightful. The back was box-plaited, and there was a yoke of brillient gems put in in the most fanciful designs. A collar, tail and rolling, made a neck and head protector.

Another wrap was delicious in its whiteness, it was of brilliant, glistening siffin. Down each seam there ran a passementeric of pearls. The collar was a very heavy full of chimon with siken edge. Down the front there was a double fluir of the chiffon reaching to the bottom of the wrap, and all around the edge there was a full ruff of the same. Throughout the chiffon treaching to the bottom of the wrap, and all around the edge there was a full ruff of the same. Throughout the chiffon treaching to the bottom of the wrap, and all around the same. Throughout the chiffon treaching to the bottom of the wrap, and all around the same. Throughout the chiffon treaching to the bottom of the wrap, and all around the same. Throughout the chiffon treaching to the bottom of the wrap, and so numerous are the carriages and so many are the fair women filting up and down the stone steps into the hand

A GREAT FIGHTER DEAD.

THE REMARKABLE CAREER OF COL CHARLES I. GRAFES.

Honors Won on Battlefields All Over the World-He Was a Native of Georgia.

The death of Colonel Charles Iverson Graves removes one of the most prominent figures in Southern history from the active scenes of life, says a letter from Rome, Ga. A cadet at Annapolis at fitten, a licutenant in the United States Navy and attached to the East India squadron at twenty, assigned to the postition of second in command on the Confederate cruiser Rappahannock at twenty-three, and ten years later an Egyptian Bey, with the rank of Colonel at the head of a command in the Somail—his life was Bey, with the rank of Colonei at the head of a command in the Somali-his life was full of romantic adventures as were the careers of the knights of old. As a mid-shipman on board the steam frigate Minnesota, he sailed under Commedore Tatnall to Cape Horn and the Orient in 1850, and was present at the bombardment of the Pei-Ho forts by the allied fleets of Great Britain and France, when the gates of China were forced open and the commerce of the world was permitted, under protest, to invade that exclusive kingdom.

LI HAD TO GIVE IN.

gatting rid of the seed from around the gin houses. He reported the fact on his return, and was laughed at for his pains, as the seed was considered as little less than absolutely poisonous in that day and

JOINED THE CONFEDERACY.

HONORED BY THE KHEDIVE.
For several years he remained in Rome, but in 1873 he accepted an offer from the Khedive Ismail Pasha of a coloneley in the Exyptian army, and sailed for the land of the Nile. For three years he signed all his excrespondence as "Graves Bey." in Arabic. He was placed in command of a regiment to subdue the robellions tribes of Somail, and marched across

Bey," in Arabic. He was placed in command of a regiment to subdue the robellious tribes of Somali, and marched across the desert and entered the Soudan. He had many sharp encounters with those ferce tribes, and he brought home a choice collection of spears and deadly assegals, with a shield of rhindeeres hide that will turn a bullet of large calibre at short range. During his service there he was appointed to select a site for a lighthnouse on the shore of the Red Sea, and spent many months in the desert by the margin of that historic sea. For his service in that expedition he received the decoration of the order of the Medidi, he being the only American upon whom the high honer was ever conferred. He remained there three years, when he grew weary of the separation from his family, and although the Khedive offered to promote Sim and raise his sclary necordingly, he resigned and came home, where he spent his remaining days in quiet commercial pursuits.

the proposition of the government

Bis First Trial, He had just returned from the honey-teen trip, and, all aglow with happiness,

kingdom.

Shortly before his death Colonel Graves described to a friend in graphic language that memorable incident in the world's history. Li Hung Chang was Viceroy of the province and was just rising into power, and when the allied powers sent to him a demand that he open the ports he sent back a haughty and defiant reply, refusing most emphatically. He had a considerable army posted behind the low hills in the rear of Pel-Ho, and although **Xmas Presents**

during the following four days, if prices count for anything, will clean out our entire holiday stock. We'd rather have money than stock to begin the New Year with. This is your chance to buy a useful present which may possibly do you as much good as the person you give it to. Nothing beautifies the home as much as well-made furniture-and that's the only kind we keep.

Money-Saving Hints.

shower of iron hall among the disordered ranks.

LI HAD TO GIVE IN.

After a few such discharges the walls of the forts were in ruins, and the sold-fers had taken to flight, and Li signalled for a parley. Thus the Pei-Ho forts were taken, and the ports of China opened to the representatives of Western civilization.

The commanders of the fleets were invited ashore, with the accredited Ministers of Great Britain, France and Russia, Commodore Tatnall acting as the representative of this government in the absence of a civil representative. Under a huge pavilion of yellow silk, trimmed with blue and gold, erected on the plain of Pei-Ho, the Viceroy received his unwelcome guests.

Many curious and beautiful things in the way of vases, articles of apparel, a choice collection of gods and other rare articles of vertu were setured by Colonei Groves and ere now in his cabinet. As an evidence of the ingenuity of the Japanese, he said that while on the afternoon that the flag-ship dropped anchor in the harbor she was the first vessel of her kind ever seen in that remote region, on the following morning, when the boats of the natives came off shore to trade, one of them contained an artist who had made a complete model of the vessel, during the night, in blown glass, all the lines of the shaping of the wonderful piece of work. During that trip he saw cotton-seel oil used as a common article of food, while the Southern planters at home were devising every possible means of getting rid of the seed from around the sin houses. He reported the fact on his return, and was laughed at for his pains, at the seed was considered as little less. \$1.98 gets a Full-Roll Fancy Rat-tan Rocker, rathin arms, the same kind that we've sold for Chairs. We've also got Odd same kind that we've sold for \$4.50, or a Fancy Solid Oak a good sewing rocker; or a (not ash or maple) Rocker. We had no trouble selling

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JOINED THE CONFEDERACY.

After his return from that memorable cruise the war broke out, and he resigned his position in the navy, having been promoted to a lieutenancy, and offered his services to the Confederate Government. He held several positions under the Confederate Government. He was second in command of the Morgan at the defence of Mobile, and was employed for a short time as an instructor of the infant naval school, and was finally selected as second officer of the Rappahannock, then being built at Calais, France, and was compelled to run the blocade to get to his appointment. The vessel on which he took passage was pursued by a Federal cruiser and sunk off the island of Eleuthers, and the passengers and rew narrowly escaped with their lives by swimming ashore.

The Federal commander demanded their surrender, but Colonel Graves, being well versed in international laws claimed that they were inside the marine league when fired upon and that they were cutiled to British protection, and raised such a storm about the ears of the Federal commander that he allowed them to proceed to England, whome Colonel Graves found his way to Calais.

But Louis Napoleon was too cautious to allow the Rappahannock to leave her moorings under the auspices of the French government, and, after eighteen months spent in fruitess negotiations, Colonel Graves made his way back to Richmond, where he was appointed to select a site for the proposed Confederate naval school. But the war was drawing to a close, and his last vice was to act as an escent to Jefferson Davis and his career as a Confederate ended.

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where he spent his remaining days in quiet commercial pursuits. During the last session of Congress he was granted a full pardon and his disabilities were removed, he being the last Southerner of prominence to apply for a pardon for the part he played in the Civil War. He was offered an appointment at Annapolis, but his service in Expt had laid the foundation of disease of the heart, of which he died while considering the proposition of the government. C. LUMSDEN & SONS, 718 East

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more and more assured they become the stage of the grasping conturieres. It is strange to note, what an utter disregard for prevailing styles most of the royalty have. It doesn't dampen their spirits at all to appear in a worth gown shirts at all to appear in a worth gown dating back ten years. And there really dating back ten years. And there really dating back ten years, and there is something quite impressive in the air of past elegance one of those heavy velvet Worth gowns always possesses. The Princess Metternich and the stuming young Countess Potocka and some of the other younger women of this set are exceptions to this rule. They gre always gowned in the height of fashion, and their dinner and evening gowns especially are marvels of richness.

SATIN A FAVORITE.

But this season's evening tollets are feets that were sought in last winter's lain and bare, of light, soft goods of ourse satin bodices are draped with soft materials, for there are mighty few necks that are perfect enough to state that are perfect enough to state the sum of the materials, and at the hips and back it came install throw the waist lies. While soft came install the materials, for there are mighty few necks the waist lies. While satin dinner gown that I saw was made nirilish enough by the simplicity of the design chosen. It had a full goods that the fullness all thrown is the bodies was tight fitting with a long, narrow point at the front; and at the hips and back it came install.

They also relieve Distress from Dyspepsia, Indigestion and Too Hearty Eating. A perfect remedy for Dizzines, Nausca, Drowsia in the sum of the materials. In digestion and Too Hearty Eating. A perfect remedy for Dizzines, Nausca, Drowsia in the fully and the first man distribution and the simplicity of the design chosen. It had a full place was tight fitting with a long, narrow point at the front; and at the hips and back it came in the first man distribution and the simplicity of the design chosen. It had a full place was tight fitting with a long, narrow point at the front; and at the hips and back it came in the first man distribution and the simplicity of the design chosen. It had a full place was tight fitting was made night to the same in the first man distribution and the simplicity of the design chosen. It had a full place was tight fitting was made night to the simplicity of the design chosen. It had a full place was tight fitting was made night to the same in the first man distribution and the simplicity of the design chosen. It had a full place was tight fitting was made night to the same in the first man distribution and the simplifies and the simplifies was the same in the fitting was made night to the same in the fitting was made night to the same in the fitting was made night to the same in the fitting was

Another girlish gown is made of cream hina silk, with a tiny stripe of pale reen between, and old-fashioned running



Positively cured by these

Little Pills.

are sold to them second hand after they they were armed with jin-galls and stinkpots only, he, with the obstinacy characteristic of the Chinese, thought to pit them against the foreign "devils," with whom he had had no experience but

whom he had had no experience but which he acquired afterward, with their ships and cannon.

He refused to allow them to set foot on the sacred soil of the Celestial Kingdom and had a large landing stage constructed at a point on the shore where the envoys were received. After his haughty refusal to treat with the powers, they drew up an ultimatum, which they sent to the proud pagan, a procession of mandarins marching down to the landing to receive it.

PILLS

The commanders of the two fleets demanded that he open the ports within a given time on penalty of their bombarding the town. A Chinese artist made pictures of the landing of the envoys and the scenes that followed, which he presented to Colonel Graves, then a midshipman, and which are preserved in his wonderful collection of curios, many of them of vast historical interest. The Viceroy sent back the same peremptory retusal to comply and preparations began for the attack. The commanders of the American and Russian squadrons were instructed to observe a strict neutrality, and as the decks of the British and French vessels cleared for action, the non-combatants withdrew to a safe distance in the offing and watched the fight that followed.

The first broadside from the British guns sent the mud walls tumbling about the ears of the panic-stricken garrison, BOMBARDED THE FORTS.

He had just returned from the honey-moon trip, and, all aglow with happiness, had settled down to business.

There was a knock at the door.

"Some friend, he murmured, "who has come to congratulate me, Come in!" he shouted, joyously.

A tall, dark stranger entered.

"Good morning," he said, "I learned that you had just returned from your bridat trip,"

"Just got back," replied the happy fellow, rubbing his hands in gice. "What can I do for you?"

"I called," explained the tall man, "to sell you a lot in the cemetery—one of the best bargains you ever heard of; a lot twenty by."

"The devil," cried the newly-married. "What do I want with a cemetery lot? Get out of here!"

"Oh, well," muttered the stranger, backing to the door, "If you and your family are going to live forever, or if you want the county to hury you, it's all right, I've nothing more to say. Good morning!"

The door went—"slam!" and the poor newly-married fellow rhymed it with "damn!" And then he sat down, and despatched a lerg, loving note to his wife, and asked her if she was feeling quite well, and then locked his door and became theroughly miserable.—Atlanta Constitution.

The Need of To-Day.

God give us men- A time like this de-mands.
Strong minds, great hearts, true faith, and ready hands;
Men whom the lust of office cannot kill;
Men who possess opinions and a will;
Men who have honor; men who will not lie;

Men who can stand before a demagogue
And damn his treacherous flatteries without winking:
Tall men. sun-crowned, who live above
the fog
In public duty and in private thinking.
For while the rabble with their thumbworn creeds.

worn creeds, Their large professions and their little deeds, Mingle in selfish strife, lo! Freedom Weeps, Wrong rules the land and waiting Jus-